

# Dangerous Fill Trucks Eyed by Council

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**GENEROUS GIFT**—Joseph M. Lowery (left), former Los Angeles County auditor and volunteer vice president of AID-United Givers, accepts corporate check from Fred Rathert, assistant operations manager, Ryan Aeronautics Co., 2750 W. Lomita, Torrance. Sum will assist charity, health and welfare causes in their worthy activities. AID's total operating cost is only 4.1 per cent.

### Highway Patrol Head Warns Of Vacation Perils

You can drive, to and from work all year and never meet a number of situations which will crop up during a two-week motoring vacation, California Highway Patrol Commissioner Bradford M. Crittenden reminded motorists this week.

"On a vacation trip you will make many more stops than you are accustomed to, such as at view points, eating places, service stations or lodging facilities. Signal your intention to turn off, and when you park, make sure your vehicle is clear of the roadway.

"Every stop means a start. When you pull back on the road, check to the rear for approaching vehicles. If you are driving through areas previously unfamiliar to you, re-

member that the roads also will be unfamiliar. Allow for this by easing off on your speed," he said.

"Road signing also assumes more importance for the vacationer. Make it a point to keep track of signs, so you will be in correct position if a turn is required.

"Finally, vacation trips often put your car through extremes of heat. Have your radiator and battery checked frequently, and cruise at reduced speeds during the warm afternoon hours when tires are most likely to over-heat," the commissioner said.

**CURED**  
One million Americans alive today have been cured of cancer, according to the American Cancer Society.

### Contracts Awarded to Two Torrance Firms, Now Bidders on SBA Purchasing Program

Two Torrance firms were listed this week as the recipients of Small Business Administration contracts.

Listed on the roster were Fuel Engineering Corporation, which received a \$21,015 contract for fabrication of a nitrogen bottle case, and the Karl Lambert Painting Co., which received an \$11,430 contract for the painting of buildings.

Two local companies were among the 159 firms receiving prime government contracts valued at \$4,487,967. Bids were awarded to small concerns in this area during the month of April under the agency's cooperative set-aside program with military and civilian purchasing agencies.

The SBA's set-aside program is conducted jointly

with buying officers of other government agencies. Proposed purchases are screened by SBA representatives and procurement officials to determine which items or services are suitable for small business award.

#### PROGRAMMING

Radio Free Europe maintains a news bureau in the United States and ten others in Europe. Roughly 50 per cent of RFE's programming consists of news and news analysis.

#### 8,000 ATTACKS

Radio Free Europe's effectiveness is proved by the fact that the Communists have attacked RFE's programs more than 8,000 times in the last seven years.

### Security Reports 6-Month Earnings

Security First National Bank's operating results for the first six months of 1961 were summed up today by Lloyd L. Austin, president, in eight words: "Increased income was surpassed slightly by increased costs."

Net operating earnings were \$13,912,849, equal to \$1.95 a share against \$14,465,590, or \$2.02 a share last year, adjusted to reflect a 10 per cent stock dividend paid earlier this year.

"This drop of 3.8 per cent in net operating earnings compared with last year can be attributed largely to two major factors: higher interest payments to savings depositors, and increased salary costs for our enlarged staff," Austin said.

"The number of savings depositors as well as the dollar value of savings deposits in our 260 branches reached all-time highs.

"We have added many people to our staff as a result of our long-range policy of investing in the future—new services to our customers, new and modernized branches, new equipment," he said.

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### One of 112 Residents of County on Gov't. Payroll

"Los Angeles county has 54,484 people on the federal civilian employment rolls — one out of each 112 people in the county," according to S. J. Arnold, General Manager of California Taxpayers Association, who this week received from Senator Harry Byrd of Virginia a report on Federal Civilian Employment made by the Joint Committee on Reduction of Nonessential Federal Expenditures. The count was made December 31, 1960 and covers legislative, judicial and executive branches.

"State-wide there are 239,464 federal civilian employees — one out of each 67 persons of the State's population. With 2,372,580 people on the federal civilian employment rolls in this fifty states, territories, and located in foreign countries, California has a greater number so employed than in any of these other localities," Arnold said. "Included in the California total are 139,710 in the Defense Department serving the Army, Navy and Air Force; 50,900 in the Post Office Department; 15,132 in the Veterans' Administration; 6,111 in the Department of Agriculture; 3,528 in the Federal Agency; and smaller groups varying from one to nearly 2,000 in other branches.

"The latest figures on public civilian employment — federal, state and local — reveal that it has increased from 6,062,000 to 8,522,000, or 40 per cent, in the ten-year period from 1950 to 1960," Arnold pointed out. "At the same time total average civilian employment in the United States increased from 52,245,000 to 58,860,000, or 12 per cent. Therefore, we have one government employee for each seven gainfully employed persons in the country. In Use classified. Call DA 5-1515

#### LEGAL NOTICES

##### COUNTY IMPROVEMENT NO. 2126-M

NOTICE OF RECORDING OF DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT  
Notice is hereby given that the Diagram and Assessment in the matter of County Improvement No. 2126-M (Flat Street) of the County of Los Angeles, for the acquisition of rights of way, and for the construction of curb, gutter, pavement and drainage structures in the vicinity of Torrance, have been recorded in the Office of the County Engineer of the County of Los Angeles on the 22nd day of June, 1961, and that all sums assessed in said Diagram and Assessment became due and payable upon the recording of said Diagram and Assessment, and that the payment of the sums is to be made to said County Engineer within thirty (30) days after the date of recording of the Diagram and Assessment, and if not paid within thirty (30) days thereafter, except for all unpaid assessments for which bonds are to be issued, shall become delinquent and thereupon, for all assessments unpaid for which bonds are not to be issued five (5) per cent of the amount of each such assessment shall be added thereto, and the property advertised for sale, as provided for by law.

Serial bonds shall be issued in accordance with Division 7, Streets and Highways Code, (Improvement Act of 1911), to represent each assessment of fifty dollars (\$50.00) or more remaining unpaid for thirty (30) days after the date of the recording of the Diagram and Assessment for this improvement. The serial bonds shall extend over a period ending nine (9) years from the second day of January next succeeding the next September 1st following their date.

The principal sum shall become due and payable to the Treasurer in equal annual payments on each October 15th succeeding the September 1st following their date until fully paid.

The first interest payment shall be payable to the Treasurer on the April 15th next succeeding the March 1st or the October 15th next succeeding the September 1st, as the case may be, next following the date of the bonds. The following interest payments shall each be for six months interest and shall be payable to the Treasurer on each fifteenth day of April and October, the last interest payment coming due the October 15th immediately preceding the last annual payment of the principal of the bonds issued to represent the unpaid assessment.

The bonds shall bear interest at a rate to be determined on the sale thereof provided, however, that said rate shall not exceed the maximum rate of 6 per cent per annum.

JOHN A. LAMBIE  
County Engineer of the County of Los Angeles, State of California.  
Torrance Press, Wednesday, July 5, 1961, 19, 26, 1961.

### Plan Action Against Careening Truckers

Hundreds of complaints have been received by police officers, city councilmen and newspapers in Torrance concerning the careening dirt trucks on Crenshaw and Hawthorne Blvds.

Hauling dirt for the freeway segments currently under construction, these huge carriers for more than a month, have been playing "fender-tag" on both of these major highways.

Hazards of driving on either of these streets, or even crossing them, have been increased enormously since the fill trucks began using them as routes.

At least eleven accidents have occurred during this month in which a dirt truck was involved or was a direct contributor.

So far there has been no loss of life... but it's only a matter of time before one of these juggernauts blasts someone out of his path... and out of this life!

However, a faint ray of hope has appeared. Some councilmen, incensed at the almost deliberate disregard for life and property, have surveyed these routes and have seen with their own eyes laden trucks jumping signals at crowded intersections because they were going too fast to even think of stopping.

They have seen them weaving through traffic at speeds that might be safe for a light family car but is certainly not safe for a truck carrying tons of material... and some definite action may be on the way.

Councilmen are even now considering ordinances or direct and positive police action that can slow down this menace.

As one councilman pointed out, in case of a collision the driver of the truck is relatively safe in the high cab of his vehicle. Not so the driver or passengers in the car he hits.

"These drivers are being paid by the load, which is the reason for their apparent disregard for public safety. The more loads carried the more money they make.

"When the first fatality occurs, I hope the driver can equate his bank balance with the price someone else paid for it!"



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